Setting up of Farm Export Promotion councils

@3004-A. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether 11 States and all the Union Territories have agreed to set up the Farm Export Promotion Councils;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for other States not agreeing to this proposal;

(c) whether the Central Government have decided to increase the critical exports from Rs. 1,450 crores to Rs. 3,532 crores by 1989-90;

(d) what steps are being suggested by the Central Government in this regard; and

(e) the States which have improved their performance after setting up these Councils?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) Some of the State Governments have set up Agricultural Exports Promotion Councils.

(b) The requirements for such a Council would vary from state to State depending upon the level of exports and the commodities being exported.

(c) A substantial increase in exports of agricultural commodities and agro-based products is envisaged during the 7th Plan period.

(d) For the promotion of exports of agricultural products, institutional charges like setting up of Agricultural Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) and Spices Board are envisaged. In addition, the State Governments have been advised to identify exportable commodities and to take steps to generate exportable surplus.

(e) As State-wise export statistics are not maintained it is not possible to establish any direct correlation between setting up of such Councils and the export performance.

Credit Flow into tiny sector

@@3004-B. SHRI DEBA PRASAD RAY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the credit flow into the tiny sector; and

(b) if so, how much of the total investment in the small sector has gone to tiny units in the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) The Reserve Bank of India has reported that a revised data collection system was introduced in June, 1983 which contains the information with respect to only two categories of borrowers under Small Scale Industries sector viz. (i) artisans, cottage and village industries; and (ii) small scale industries. The information relating

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